GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF IRON ORE MINES TO PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to allot the iron-ore mines to the private sector;

(b) if so, the number of the proposals received by the Government from the private sector for the allotment of iron-ore mines during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the number of the iron-ore mines allotted to the private sector as on date, State-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a): The mining of iron ore is open for private sector. As per the provisions of the Mines and Minerals

(Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, an Indian national or a company as defined in sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956 can be granted a mineral concession. The State Governments are the owners of mineral and grant mineral concessions under the provisions of the MMDR Act, 1957 and the rules framed thereunder. Prior approval of the Central Government is mandatory before grant of mineral concession in respect of minerals listed in the First schedule to the MMDR Act, which includes iron ore.

(b): The number of proposals received in Ministry of Mines from various State Governments seeking prior approval of the Central Government for grant of mining lease for iron ore in favour of individuals/companies in the private sector during the last three years is given below:-

Sl.No.	State	No. of proposals received in respect of private sector		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Andhra Pradesh	03	22	18
2.	Chhattisgarh	05	08	03
3.	Jharkhand	01	18	03
4.	Karnataka	12	08	27
5.	Madhya Pradesh	03	01	07
6.	Maharashtra	01	07	03
7	Orissa	01	01	02
8.	Rajasthan	00	00	01

(c): The number of proposals for which prior approval of the Central Government has been conveyed for grant of mining lease for iron ore to the individuals/companies in the private sector in various States during 1.4.2004 till 28.2.2007 is given below:-

Sl.No	State	No. of proposals approved
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23
2.	Chhattisgarh	11

3. Jharkhand 08
4. Karnataka 31
5. Madhya Pradesh 03
6. Maharashtra 12
7 Orissa 01
8. Rajasthan 01